



February 28, 2008

VIA U.S. MAIL AND E-FILE

Hon. Claudia Wilken
United States District Court
1301 Clay Street, Courtroom 2
Oakland, CA 94612-5212

Re: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company v. Michael T. Blatt
K&C Client: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
K&C File No.: 8000.0006
USDC Case No.: 06-02022 CW
Subject: Special Appearance at Status Conference

Dear Judge Wilken:

This office represents Liberty Mutual, plaintiff in the above-referenced action. This matter is set for a bench trial on March 10, 2008 and there is a pre-trial status conference set for March 4, 2008.

Mr. Ronald Skocypec will be the trial attorney in this matter for our client. However, he is now unavailable to appear at the status conference because of a death in his family.

I called the court yesterday and spoke with Ms. Cahill about obtaining the court's permission for me to appear for Mr. Skocypec at the status conference. She indicated I should write this letter to the court to seek such permission. I am thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the matter and I have been largely responsible for handling the litigation for more than a year.

I would appreciate the court's permission to appear for Mr. Skocypec at the status conference. He will be ready to appear for trial on March 10, 2008.

Very truly yours,

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